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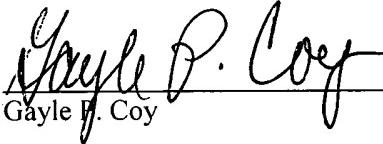
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to a pending Office action, Paper No. 12, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2003. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of objection and rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please make the following changes, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version of the amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

In the Specification

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 6 to read as follows:

In other embodiments such as that shown in Figures 3 and 4, the cutting edges 26 on the bone anchor 22 are defined by flat surfaces 23 formed in the anchor 22. The flat surfaces 23 are cut into the generally cone-shaped head 14. The flat surfaces 23 extend generally from the wide end 18 to the narrow end 19 of the generally cone-shaped head 14.